



Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood
Board Meeting Minutes
10:30 AM, Highland Park Country Club
12/17/18

1. Attendance. Board members attending were: Carrie Callas, Joe Lolli, Paul Munk, Ghida Neukirch, Mike Stroz.

Committee representatives included: Michael Babian, Len Tenner.

Board members not attending: Yesim Sonmez, Jon Levey, Manu Khododad, Phil Lazarus, Dale Mugler.

2. Welcome. President Neukirch welcomed everyone and commenced the meeting at 10:32am.

3. Financial Report. The Board reviewed the financial statements sent by Treasurer Levey. The Board discussed notes highlights within the Treasurer's report.

- The Club paid 2/3 of the Interact sponsor's compensation, the balance will be paid in the final and last installment.
- Inquiry about the TABU airfare costs.
- The Board reviewed the list of outstanding balances owed to the Club.
 - Notably, Ghida will follow-up with Ezra to inquire about her continued interest in the Club. Outstanding balance \$500.

4. Membership Update. Ghida thanked Joe Lolli and Paul Munk for their work in recruiting two new members – Scott Coren and Jeff Colman. It was reported that Magdalena Wrobel resigned due to work demands and time commitments. The Board voted on the recommendation to honor Pete Koukos as an Honorary Member due to his long-term commitment and contributions toward the Club. Motion: Paul; Second: Len; All in favor; Motion was unanimously approved.

5. "Curl Up with Rotary" Event. Ghida shared that we plan to host an event to spread awareness and potentially attract new members to the Club. The event will tentatively be held on March 21, 2019 at the Exmoor Country Club Clubhouse and will feature curling for some participants and food/refreshments. The target audience is Interact parents and residents. We will ask Rotarians to provide a minimum of 5 names/addresses of individuals to invite to the event.

6. Gala Update. Mike Babian shared that the Gala will be held April 27, 2019 at Exmoor Country Club. The goal is to raise \$25,000. The Board voted to honor Larry Block and the Highland Park Strings at the event. Motion: Paul; Second: Joe; All in favor; Motion was approved.

7. Golf Outing. Paul shared that Jim Berardi agreed to lead and coordinate a 2019 golf outing. The tentative date is August 8, 2019 at Sunset Valley. A committee meeting will be set up for January to discuss the details.

8. Upcoming Service Projects. Mike Stroz shared that Rotary is once again participating in the MLK Day of Service on January 21, 2019. The project will be putting together food kits, along with empowering notes, for women and children who are WINGS clients. He has solicited donations from local food vendors. A sign-up for volunteering will be available starting January 7th.

9. Other Business. The Board reviewed the draft Frank Schwermin scholarship application. The total scholarship amount is \$6,000 and will be facilitated at the same time as the Rotary Service Above Self scholarship application process. Mike Babian will coordinate a check presentation for the scholarship provided to Rotary in January. Motion to approve (subject to minor revisions discussed): Paul; Second: Mike Stroz; All in favor; Motion was approved.

10. Next Steps/Other Business. Ghida reminded the Committee Chairs to write a description of their committee for our new website by the end of December.

Len shared that Matt, one of the Interact Club Advisors, will be student teaching at another school. He has agreed to continue on as Advisor by attending meetings remotely, but he will still attend events.

11. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:31am.

Submitted by: Carrie Callas, Secretary

Reviewed by: Ghida Neukirch, President